

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 79, "Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment clarifies that, in documentation for Medicaid services billed using time-related Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, the total amount of time spent on the service shall be recorded rather than beginning and ending times. The Department intends that the Medicaid policy shall be consistent with Medicare policy in this regard. Consistency between the programs allows greater efficiency for providers.

This amendment does not provide for waivers because all providers should be subject to the same documentation requirements. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department's general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before September 15, 2009. Comments should be directed to Mary Ellen Imlau, Bureau of Policy Analysis and Appeals, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by E-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4B.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subparagraph **79.3(2)"c"(3)**, numbered paragraph **"3,"** as follows:

3. The complete time of the service, including the beginning and ending time if the service is billed on a time-related basis. For those time-related services billed using Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, the total time of the service shall be recorded, rather than the beginning and ending time.